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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/751,043	Applicant(s) HOSSAINY ET AL.	
	Examiner Konata M. George	Art Unit 1616	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 37-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 37-44 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 45-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 37-52 are pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on December 6, 2005 was noted and the submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner has considered the information disclosure statement. Documents C36 and C45 was not considered because the reference is missing a date. Documents A51-A63, A65, A68-A71, B-35-C9, C12-C16, C18, C20, C23-C27, C29, C31, C33, C38-C43 and C47-C50 was not considered because the reference date is after the priority date.

In applicants response to arguments, applicant acknowledged that there was an IDS submitted on May 4, 2004. However, there is no record of an IDS filed on May 4, 2004.

Action Summary

2. Examiner acknowledges the addition of claims 46-52.
3. The rejection of claims 37, 38, 40 and 42-44 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over LeBouf et al. is hereby withdrawn with respect to applicants arguments.
4. The rejection of claims 37-39 and 41-45 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Berg et al. is hereby withdrawn with respect to applicants arguments.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 45 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claims 46-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Applicant does not have support for radially expandable stent in the specification.

7. Claim 45 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The factors to be considered in determining whether a disclosure meets the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph, the following factors must be considered (In re Wands, 8 USPQ2d 1400, 1404 (CAFC, 1988)).

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Among these factors are: (1) the nature of the invention; (2) the state of the prior art; (3) the relative skill of those in the art; (4) the predictability or unpredictability of the art; (5) the breadth of the claims; (6) that amount of direction or guidance presented; (7) the presence or absence of working examples; and (8) the quantity of experimentation necessary. When the above factors are weighed, it is the examiner's position that one skilled in the art could not practice the invention without undue experimentation.

(1) The nature of the invention:

The invention is directed towards coating an implantable medical device comprising applying to the surface a composition comprising an inorganic polymer precursor.

(2) The state of the prior art:

The prior art does not teach using inorganic polymer precursors in coating for implantable medical devices.

(3) The relative skill of those in the art:

The level of ordinary skill is low with respect to using inorganic polymer precursors in coating for implantable medical devices. Applicants' specification does not enable the public to use these polymers in implantable medical devices.

(4) The predictability or unpredictability of the art:

The art pertaining to inorganic polymer precursors in coating for implantable medical devices remains highly unpredictable.

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(6) The amount of direction or guidance presented:

The specification does not provide direction or guidance by way of written description with respect to using inorganic polymer precursors in coating for implantable medical devices.

(7) The presence or absence of working examples:

The specification does not provide by way of working examples, examples of what is described to be an inorganic polymer precursor.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 37-44 are allowed.

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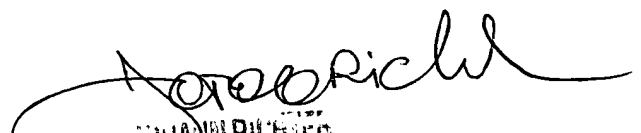
Telephone Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Konata M. George, whose telephone number is 571-272-0613. The examiner can normally be reached from 8AM to 6:30PM Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter, can be reached at 571-272-0646. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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